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The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung among children (May 1974)

SONG OF BEST WISHES

The 15th of April, 1978 will mark the 66th birthday of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the greatest national jubilee for our people.

Our people feel it their greatest happiness and honour to live under his guidance. The song of best wishes and unstinted veneration overflows in every corner of the country:

Our leader dedicates all his life
To bring a full, rich life to us.
Our happiness today so great
it knows no bounds
In his fatherly bosom
warm with love.

This song which our entire people sing happily is pervaded with our people's immeasurable feelings of gratitude for the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who is dedicating all his life for the sake of our homeland and people.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"I want to pass all my life among the people as their faithful servant. Nothing is more honourable than becoming a faithful servant of the people."

The glorious path traversed by the great leader is a history of his devoted services to the country and people and a history of warm love for the people.

Comrade Kim Il Sung—he is the greatest leader that our people have ever had in their history of several thousand years and attend with high esteem. Over the last half century he has devoted his all to the sacred revolutionary cause of freedom and happiness of people and performed the brilliant feats, while leading the Korean people.

Looking back, we find the history of Korea under the jackboots of Japanese imperialism a most tragic story.

It was indeed the grimmest period when every spark of Korean things was obliterated, Korean folk songs were taboo even among herd-boys and the people were always plagued by prison and sabre rattling.

It was at this very time that the great leader, at the age of 13, left his native village Mangyongdae and started for 1,000-*ri* journey for national liberation to save the homeland and people from their extreme distress. Singing the "Song of River Amnok-gang" composed by someone, he crossed the Amnok-gang River and set out onto the road of revolution, firmly determined not to return until Korea became independent.

Thus began his youthful days marked by immense sufferings, that lasted 20-odd years.

Out of this came the destruction of Japanese imperialism, leading to a recovered homeland, giving the people in chains freedoms and rights, infusing into them the strength of creation and providing them with the dignity of man.

The hard-fought, yet victorious anti-Japanese war was followed by his 30-odd year selfless devotion to the establishment of a veritable paradise for the people in the liberated fatherland.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung founded a Party and government in this land to realize the long-cherished aspirations of workers and peasants and laid foundations for the building of a new state.

In those rough days of a war against the US imperialist aggression, the result of which would determine for the Korean people their country's destiny, he took his life in his hands constantly by going to the front-line covered with gun smoke to meet the warriors of the People's Army, encouraged them to bravely fight the invaders and led them to final victory in the war by his ever-victorious art of command.

In the difficult postwar days the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, personally pushing his way through war debris, buckled down to the task of planting pillars which would serve as the foundation of an independent economy. He sailed the boat of the socialist revolution safely and took it to the shore blooming with flowers, thus inaugurating the shortest-cut to socialism.

The untrodden, rough path of revolution covered by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was attended with innumerable difficulties. But, never daunted, he overcame these successfully. His unwavering determination finally culminated in the establishment in this land of a mighty socialist industrial state with a strong independent national economy, a powerful defence potential and a brilliant national culture. And there sprang up a paradise on earth where the working people, as masters of the state and society, work together and where happiness is shared by all.

The great leader who finds his pleasure only in the improving welfare of the people and ignores personal rest for its sake. Our people eagerly hope he will take a good rest. But he always finds himself among the people and takes constant interest in bringing greater happiness to them.

The great leader who shares weal and woe with the people and always stands in the van, shows warm care in every way for them. With such love he constantly makes tours for on-the-spot guidance day and night, covering thousands of, tens of thousands of miles, in disregard of rain or snow.

He is seen everywhere—schools, factories, towns and villages. In fact there is no place in our country which has never enjoyed his loving care.

Thanks to his devotion permeated with boundless love for the people, our socialist independent economy has been consolidated further; our industrial production developed at the annual average of 16.3 per cent during the Six-Year Plan period even under the circumstances haunted by the spectre of the world-wide economic convulsion; grain production is increasing year after year, despite of the vagaries of the cold front; and the people's life is becoming affluent, with so many amenities of modern life provided.

Indeed, precisely because our people came under the guidance of the great leader, they have become captains who guide history, with their destinies in their own hands, and an independent and creative people, enjoying a worthy and happy life.

Our honour, pride and happiness cannot be even thought of without the fatherly leader's gentle affection and grateful benefaction, higher than the sky and deeper than the ocean. That is why our people whose hearts burn with loyalty to him, sing the song of best wishes and the song of allegiance:

We'll follow you to the end of
the earth.
We'll attend you till the end
of the sun and the moon.
Conveying your benefaction
to generations to come,
We'll always remain loyal to you.
May you live long,
our great leader, our father,
We pray with all our hearts.

Singing this song, along with the revolutionary paean of praise "Song of General Kim Il Sung", our people, as hitherto, so in future, will attend the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in high esteem and steadily march forward along the revolutionary path charted by him.

Pyongyang

Your Excellency Esteemed President KIM IL SUNG

At the International Seminar on the Juche Idea held in Pyongyang in September last year, the representatives from all continents and many countries of the world declared the present era to be an age of independence and decided to establish the International Institute of the Juche Idea to study more deeply the Juche idea founded by you President and disseminate it widely throughout the world.

With the emotion we felt in sharing joy over the successes gained in Pyongyang remaining still fresh in our memory, we have again gathered here in Tokyo today and had an inaugural congress of the IIJI which we had desired so much.

The inaugural congress heard passionate speeches following the keynote report which reflects the unanimous will of the members of the IIJI Organizing Committee.

At the meeting congratulatory speeches were made by prominent personages from the political, labouring, academic and press circles of Japan and many messages of greetings from noted figures and organizations of various countries of the world were read out.

The meeting was held with success in an atmosphere of surging enthusiasm.

It adopted an Inaugural Declaration of the IIJI which mirrors the unanimous wishes of those assembled.

The Declaration made it clear that the time of subordination and humiliation is gone when the independence of the popular masses was ruthlessly trampled underfoot, that mankind has ushered in an era of independence, an age of Juche and that history advances vigorously along the track of independence.

And it stressed that the Juche idea is an integral system of idea, theory and method which gives most correct answers to all problems arising in achieving the independence of the country, the nation and the popular masses.

We who came from all continents of the globe have solemnly declared the founding of the IIJI to the whole world with the great pride in having undertaken the glorious work for studying and disseminating the great Juche idea and with new hopes.

With the inception of the IIJI today the Institute's secretariat system has been established and it is possible to hold regular seminar every month, open library and hasten the issuance of its organ and Secretariat Information.

Thus the IIJI has taken its historic initial step as an international body for the study of the Juche idea to be worthy of its name.

On the historic day of founding the IIJI, we extend our unbounded thanks and highest honour to Your Excellency respected and beloved President who originated the immortal Juche idea, thereby brightly lighting the path to be followed by mankind.

Deeming it our pleasure to have presented Your Excellency President with a gift, which cannot be exchanged for anything, by setting up the IIJI in honour of the 66th birthday of Your Excellency esteemed President, we firmly pledge ourselves to open up a brilliant epoch for the people under the uplifted banner of the Juche idea, a new idea of a new age, fathered by Your Excellency President in the course of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle.

The IIJI will conduct its activities with the main emphasis on explaining and propagandizing in a scientific and theoretical way the truthfulness and invincible vitality of the revolutionary world outlook and concrete revolutionary theories, strategy and tactics and revolutionary methodology clarified by the Juche idea and thus discharge its mission as the first international body for studying the Juche idea eagerly desired by the peoples of various countries of the world.

We who met at one place under the banner of the Juche idea today will creditably fulfil our honourable duty as the pursuers of the Juche idea and its propagandists in firm unity irrespective of residences and languages.

We wish that Your Excellency great President will enjoy good health and a long life, brightening the world forever as the sun of Juche.

Long live Your Excellency great President Kim Il Sung!

Long live the immortal Juche idea!

Attendants at Inaugural Congress of International Institute of Juche Idea

Tokyo, Japan, April 9, 1978

HISTORIC CONGRESS PROCLAIMING THE FOUNDING OF IIJI BEFORE THE WHOLE WORLD

Inaugural Congress of IIJI Held in Tokyo

On April 9 the inaugural congress of the International Institute of the Juche Idea was held in Tokyo, Japan, amid the great attention of the progressive people and broad public circles of the world believing in the immortal Juche idea.

Placed with due respect on the background of the platform was a portrait of the great leader President Kim Il Sung, the founder of the undying Juche idea.

Also seen there were the letters "Inaugural Congress of IIJI", flanked by the slogans reading: "Long live the imperishable Juche idea!" and "Long live friendship and solidarity of the world's people advocating independence!"

Also visible was a torchlight emblem symbolizing the Juche idea.

Present at the meeting were 11 members of the IIJI Organizing Committee and representatives from 10 countries and one international organization—Li Gye Baek, Vice-Chairman of the Central Standing Committee of Chongryon (General Association of Korean Residents in Japan); Arne Herlov Petersen, writer and journalist of Denmark; Benzantry Christopha, Vice-Chairman of the People's National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar; Chaouki Ajami, Chairman of the CC of the "Lebanese Committee for the Study of Kimilsungism"; Eduard Hafner, General Secretary of the Swiss Progressive Organizations; Genaro Carnero Checa, General Secretary of the Latin American Federation of Journalists; Jose Francisco Aguilar Bulgarelli, Executive Member of the CC of the Socialist Party of Costa Rica and Chairman of the Latin American Institute for the Study of the Juche Idea; Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Secretary General of the United People's Party of Bangladesh; Yaya Bagayogo, Minister of Information and Tele-Communications of the Republic of Mali; Mamadou Sako, Secretary General of the Mali Peace Movement Committee; and Monica Vassilion, Member of the CC of the Socialist Party of Cyprus and Director of the Woman Affairs Department—and representatives of more than 130 groups for the study of the Juche idea formed in different parts of Japan including Kuriki Yasunobu, Director of the "National Liaison Council of Societies for the Study of the Works of President Kim Il Sung" in Japan; Hanawa Fujio, Deputy Director of Secretariat of the said liaison council, Higashidani Toshio, representative of the "Osaka Teachers Society for the Study of the Juche Idea"; Ohiro Sunao, representative of the "Tokyo Teachers Society for the Study of the Juche Idea"; Ogami Kenichi, Chief of the "Japanese Liaison Council of Youth Society for the Study of the Juche Idea"; and over 800 prominent Japanese scholars, men of culture and public figures including Narita Tomomi, former Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the Japan Socialist Party; Makieda Motofumi, Chairman of Sohyo (General Council of Japan Labour Unions); Ichikawa Makoto, representative member of the Japanese Committee for Supporting Korea's Independent and Peaceful Reunification; Iwai Akira, Director of the Secretariat of this committee; and Mitsui Tametomo, Honorary Prof. of Tokyo Metropolitan University.

The hearts of all those present at the meeting were filled with the high honour and pride in being the pioneers advocating the Juche idea and studying and disseminating it. There was a general feeling of profound respect and gratitude for the respected and beloved President Kim Il Sung, a great theoretician and a gifted person born of mankind, who greatly contributed to the development of human thought by creating the immortal Juche idea, who encourages the progres-

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Poem Dedicated to Great Leader

15th of April, 1912, the Source of Victory in Korean Revolution

by Zita-Buia (Zaire)

15th of April, 1912,
The Korean revolution
Made a new turn.
15th of April, 1912,
Kim Il Sung was born.

O Kim Il Sung!
The man with an iron will
Who tirelessly fought
To oust Japanese exploiters,
To inflict an ignominious defeat
upon US imperialism.

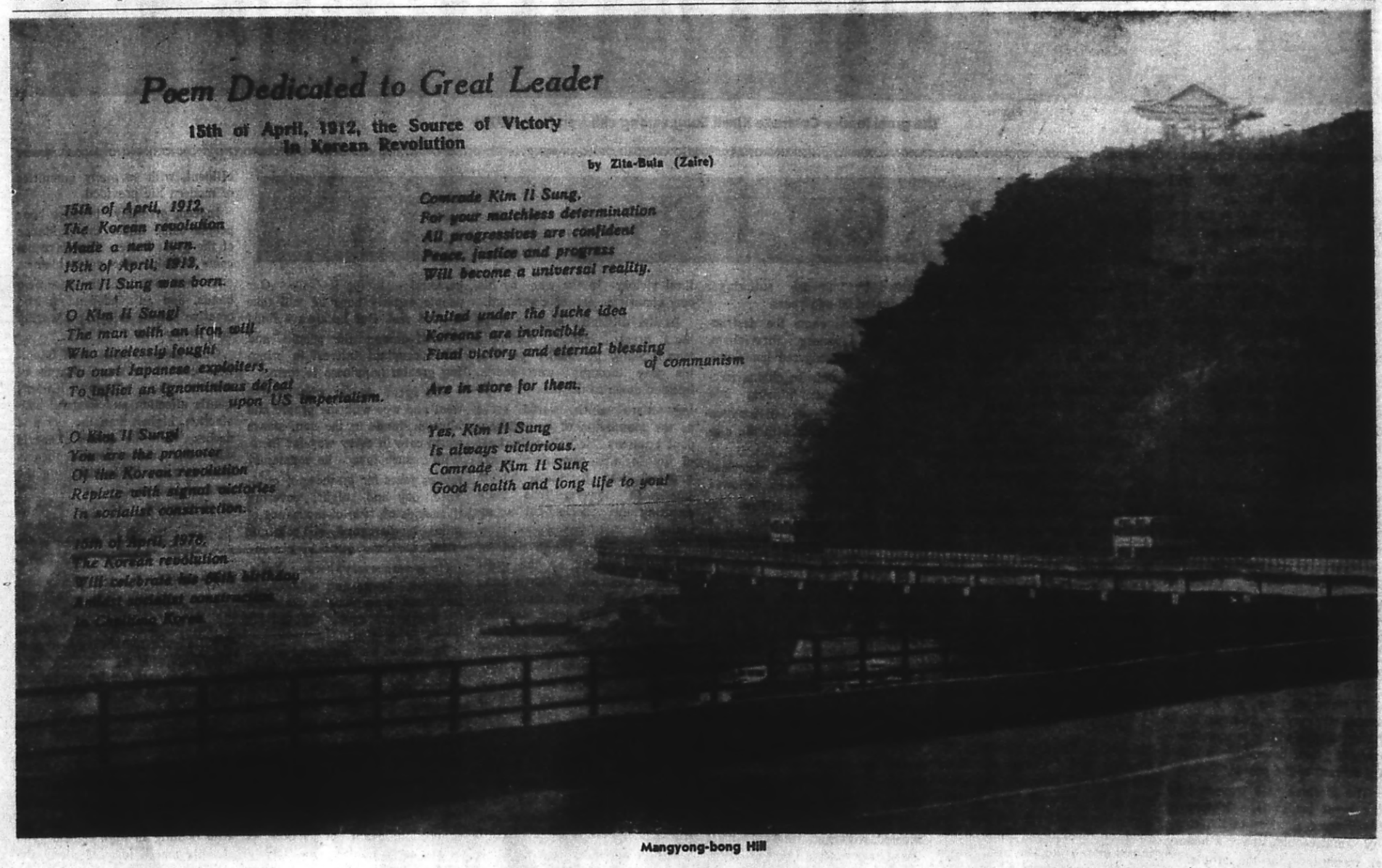
O Kim Il Sung!
You are the promoter
Of the Korean revolution
Replete with signal victories
In socialist construction.

15th of April, 1976,
The Korean revolution
Will celebrate its 64th birthday
Amidst socialist construction
In Chollima Korea.

Comrade Kim Il Sung,
For your matchless determination
All progressives are confident
Peace, justice and progress
Will become a universal reality.

United under the Juche idea
Koreans are invincible.
Final victory and eternal blessing
of communism
Are in store for them.

Yes, Kim Il Sung
Is always victorious.
Comrade Kim Il Sung
Good health and long life to you!



Mangyong-bong Hill

INVINCIBLE IS REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE OF KOREAN PEOPLE MARCHING FORWARD UNDER GREAT LEADER COMRADE KIM IL SUNG'S GUIDANCE

Today, our people greet the memorable birthday of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the greatest national jubilee.

Marking this day, our entire people offer the highest glory and gratitude to the great leader who has brought great happiness to them and express the best wishes that he will enjoy good health and long life.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the greatest leader that our people have ever had in their history of several thousand years, has performed immortal exploits for the fatherland and the nation, and the era and the revolution, devoting his all to the freedom and happiness of the people and the victory of the revolutionary cause.

His revolutionary path traversed for more than half a century up to this day is a glorious history shining with great creation and heroic exploits which added lustre to our era and radically changed the destiny of the fatherland and the nation by his deep-going ideological and theoretical activities and his untiring revolutionary practice.

In the past our people suffered the bitterness of a stateless nation because they had no outstanding leader. Only when they had great Comrade Kim Il Sung as their leader, could they put an end to the long history of distress, greet a fruitful, new era of revolution and traverse the glorious road of struggle and victory.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is the great thinker and theoretician who fathered the immortal Juche idea.

In the early years of his revolutionary activity, he founded the Juche idea which holds the highest and most brilliant place in the history of human thought, and illumined the clear-cut path ahead of the era and revolution with its light.

The creation of the Juche idea was a solemn declaration announcing the birth of a new era of revolution, the era of independence, when the masses of the working people, the subject of history, hew out their destiny independently and creatively. It was a historic event that marked a turning-point in the revolutionary struggle of the popular masses for national, class and human liberation.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"We are guided by the Juche idea which was created amid the flames of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and whose correctness and vitality have been tested through practical revolutionary struggle, and herein lie the source of our ever-victorious Party's might and the firm guarantee of victory for the socialist and communist cause in our country."

The Juche idea based on the philosophical theory that man is master of everything and decides everything is an accomplished revolutionary world outlook of the working class.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, basing himself on this idea, made exposition from a new angle of all theoretical and practical problems arising in the revolution and construction of our times and advanced complete revolutionary theories of the working class.

His revolutionary theories are an encyclopedia of the revolution, the scientific synthesis of theories, strategy and tactics in every stage of revolution and construction for the transformation of society and nature and the remoulding of man and of problems associated with politics, economy, education, culture, military affairs and so on.

The Juche idea, the revolutionary thought of the great leader, whose validity has been fully tested in the crucible of the protracted revolutionary struggle, is an invincible militant banner encouraging the working class and the people to fight with conviction of certain victory.

The creation of the concept of Juche meant that our people could secure the genuine guiding idea and theory of revolution and maintain a clean slate in the protracted struggle for sovereignty and independence and socialist construction.

At a time when ideological chaos prevailed and the revolution was experiencing turns and twists, he was quick to grasp the people's minds aspiring to independence and founded the Juche idea to show them the new path to the era and revolution. This is his great exploit of world historic significance.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a great strategist of revolution and a past master in the art of creation and construction, who carried the struggle of our people for national independence and the building of a new society to a great success by his outstanding and seasoned leadership and thereby set an epoch-making example of revolution and construction.

He realized the historical cause of the restoration of the lost fatherland by leading the unprecedentedly hard-fought anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle to victory under the revolutionary banner of the Juche idea and built up the immortal revolutionary traditions which would serve as the eternal cornerstone of our Party and revolution.

On the basis of these traditions established in the flames of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, he formed a Juche-based revolutionary party and government and developed the revolutionary armed forces into the regular ones under the difficult and complex situation immediately after liberation and steered our revolutionary struggle and construction along the right pathway to victory.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and outstanding military strategist, by leading our people to victory in the Fatherland Liberation War, defeated the US imperialist aggressors, defended the dignity of the fatherland and the nation and inaugurated a new era of upswing in the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle.

He wisely led our Party and people along the road of independence and successfully carried out the democratic and the socialist revolution. The result was that all sorts of exploitation and oppression were liquidated once and for all, the socialist construction began to move forward with increased energy and our country which once remained a backward and poverty-stricken country was turned into a socialist industrial state with solid foundations of an independent national economy.

The respected and beloved leader set forth an outstanding policy that called for consolidating the dictatorship of the proletariat and continuing the revolution and, on this basis, prudently steers our people towards the struggle to achieve the complete victory of socialism through the powerful promotion of the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural.

Precisely by virtue of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's guidance our country, which once lost its lustre for its backwardness and remained outside the orbit of history, has been converted into a mighty socialist state of independence, self-support and self-defense and, our people who once suffered all sorts of maltreatment and oppression, became a people who fully enjoy a worthwhile life as the full-fledged masters of the state and society.

All the great changes and progress made in this land are a brilliant fruit of the clear-sighted guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung endowed with scientific foresight and clear-cut penetration, who sets forth the most correct line and policies in strict adherence to the stand of Juche and leads the revolution and construction along the road of victory by his unswerving adherence to the principle, iron will, top-level ability of organization and extraordinary revolutionary sweep.

The great leader, invariably guided by the principle that the master of the Korean revolution is the Korean people themselves, from the very time when he set off on the road of revolution, advanced the unique line and policies in conformity with the demand of the development of our revolution and in the interests of the popular masses and has put them into effect with splendour through his untiring activity.

All the line and policies of our Party are those advanced originally by the great leader and they have nothing to do with flunkeyism and dogmatism.

He created the revolutionary method of work, by which to skilfully solve all problems by relying on the creative ability of the masses of the people, believing in their strength, and vigorously pushed forward the revolution and construction by employing this method.

The ceaseless on-the-spot guidance given by the respected and beloved leader is a fine example of mass leadership—going deep among the people, grasping their desire and demand in time, enlisting their talents and strength to the maximum and so, continuously promoting the revolution and construction.

It was wholly because of the inspiring guidance of the great leader that our people submerged beneath a sea of blood, a sea of flame, were able to rise like a phoenix to crush the imperialist aggressors and defend honourably the dignity of the nation. The Chollima Movement launched in the arduous postwar period enabled the historical task of socialist industrialization to be carried out only in 14 years. Every year witnessed a bumper harvest, overcoming the serious effects of the cold front sweeping the whole world.

The method of leadership and the art of leadership of the great leader who actively paves the way for the revolution with Juche-inspired wisdom and through energetic, practical activity, firmly maintaining the revolutionary mass line—herein lies the secret of all victories and successes made by our people.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is the affectionate father with loftiest virtues—boundless love for the people—who dedicates his all to the masses of the people.

From his earliest years, when he first took up the leadership of the Korean revolution, until today, the respected and beloved leader has channeled his all energies and efforts into fulfilling the people's desire and bringing them happiness. He always finds himself among workers and peasants, sharing joys and sorrows with them.

It is thanks to the grace of the great leader that our people, under the most excellent socialist system where all things of society serve the popular masses, have been provided with the noble political integrity and enjoy an independent and creative life.

The entire Korean people who enjoy the immense glory and happiness of today under his warm care are closely united behind him with one ideology and one purpose. The whole of society has merged into a united whole in terms of ideology and moves in accordance with one thought, one purpose and one goal. The unity of our Party and people closely rallied around him is not only the ideological unity based on the monolithic ideology, the Juche idea, but also the blood-tied unity based on his warm love for his people and the boundless adoration of the people for him and the invincible unity tested through severe ordeals of history.

This unity achieved by the great leader is the most precious gain of our revolution, as well as the greatest pride of our people.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, regarding it as the supreme national task to reunify the fatherland from the very beginning of her split due to the occupation of south Korea by the US imperialists, has intelligently led our struggle towards the materialization of this goal. He also indicates the direction to be followed by the overseas compatriots including the 600,000 Korean residents in Japan, surrounding all aspects of their activity with great love and solicitude.

During the whole period of his revolutionary activity the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, devoting his all to the world revolution as well as the Korean revolution, made ever-lasting contributions to the cause of the liberation of the oppressed people.

Upholding the banner of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, he actively extended support to the struggle of the revolutionary peoples of all countries against imperialism, colonialism and dominationism and for the freedom, independence and socialism.

Thanks to the external activity personally conducted by the respected and beloved leader and our Party's independent foreign policy, the international prestige of our Republic has increased as never before. Support and solidarity expressed by the revolutionary peoples throughout the world for the reunification of our country and our revolutionary cause is daily growing.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung commands profound trust and boundless respect not only from the entire Korean people but also from the revolutionary peoples all over the world, for his deeds of great merits performed while leading to victory the Korean revolution fraught with many difficulties and for his worthy contribution to the development of the international communist movement and the world revolution.

It is the greatest honour and happiness of our people to make a revolution having the respected and beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung as their great leader who illumined the path to be followed by our era with the light of the Juche idea and adorned the road of their revolutionary struggle for over half a century with brilliant victory and glory.

It is not possible to think of the glorious Korean revolution, past and present, and the bright future of our fatherland and the honour and happiness of our people without the judicious leadership of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Holding in high esteem the great leader and following his guidance—herein lies the guarantee for sure victory and this is the unshakable faith which has struck its roots deep into the hearts of our people in the course of our revolution.

Our people, entrusting all their destinies to the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung who dedicates his whole life only to the revolution and gave them happiness of today, are full of a burning resolution to attend him forever and carry through the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered by him generation after generation.

Our people, closely united around the great leader, will surely achieve the reunification of the country, the greatest national task, and win the final victory of the revolution by vigorously fighting, holding aloft the banner of the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural.

Invincible is the revolutionary cause of our people marching along the road of Juche under the sagacious guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

People's Happiness Reigns Over the Land

April 15, the greatest jubilee of our nation

On this gala day, thousands upon thousands of people, carrying bundles of flowers in their hands, converge in an endless stream from early morning on the Mansudae Hill where stands the majestic statue of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

These countless fragrant flowers are brimfully imbued with their spotlessly pure and clean heart of loyalty to eternally attend the fatherly leader till the end of the sun and the moon, holding him in high esteem who has brought our people the happiness of today.

"Fatherly leader, may you live long in good health! By your grace, dear leader, Korea, the land of ours, sheds its rays all over and we people are well off, with nothing more to ask for. There is no greater, and no more precious, happiness than this. Nothing is greater than the glory we now enjoy...."

This is what a grandma from the Oesong district, Pyongyang, murmured as she, together with her family, laid flowers at the foot of the great leader's statue earlier than others, bowing in humble reverence.

In former days, the old woman had had her fill of humiliation and contempt as a baby-sitter and kitchenmaid for a landlord's after she was bereft of her parents while young because of the cruel exploitation by the Japanese imperialists and landowners. Now she feels it hard to find proper words to express her happy frame of mind with tears of joy in her eyes before her ten or so grandchildren, looking around at her sons—the eldest one who has grown to be a Hero of the country and the second and third ones who have become a teacher and a doctor, all living in this blessed country restored by the fatherly leader.

Such is not an isolated case with her alone, of course.

The lurch in which she was left abandoned like a pebble speaks volumes of our nation's privation in the by-gone past and the happiness bestowed on her tells of the present-day glory and bliss brought on our people all.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"Through their own experience our people are convinced that only the socialist system can guarantee genuine liberties and rights to the working masses and provide them with a most bountiful and happy life; they regard it as the greatest honour and pleasure to live and make revolution under this system."

It was not until they came under the grateful socialist system set up by the great leader that our people began to enjoy true freedom and happiness due human beings, and it is under his unbounded affection and scrupulous care that they came to lead a life worth living.

Under our socialist system the working masses are masters of the state and society and everything is put in their service.

The workers and farmers who were once indescribably ill-treated and despised take part in national affairs as deputies to the highest organ of state power and all working people are substantially guaranteed genuine political rights and liberties.

In our country where the state is wholly responsible for the people's livelihood, all working people enjoy a plentiful and cultured life without worries about food, clothing and shelter.

Taxation, a hangover from the old society, was completely abolished already long ago, and education and medical service are free for all people.

The rising generation are given universal 11-year compulsory education free of charge till they reach working age, and the students of higher specialized schools, colleges and universities are granted stipends.

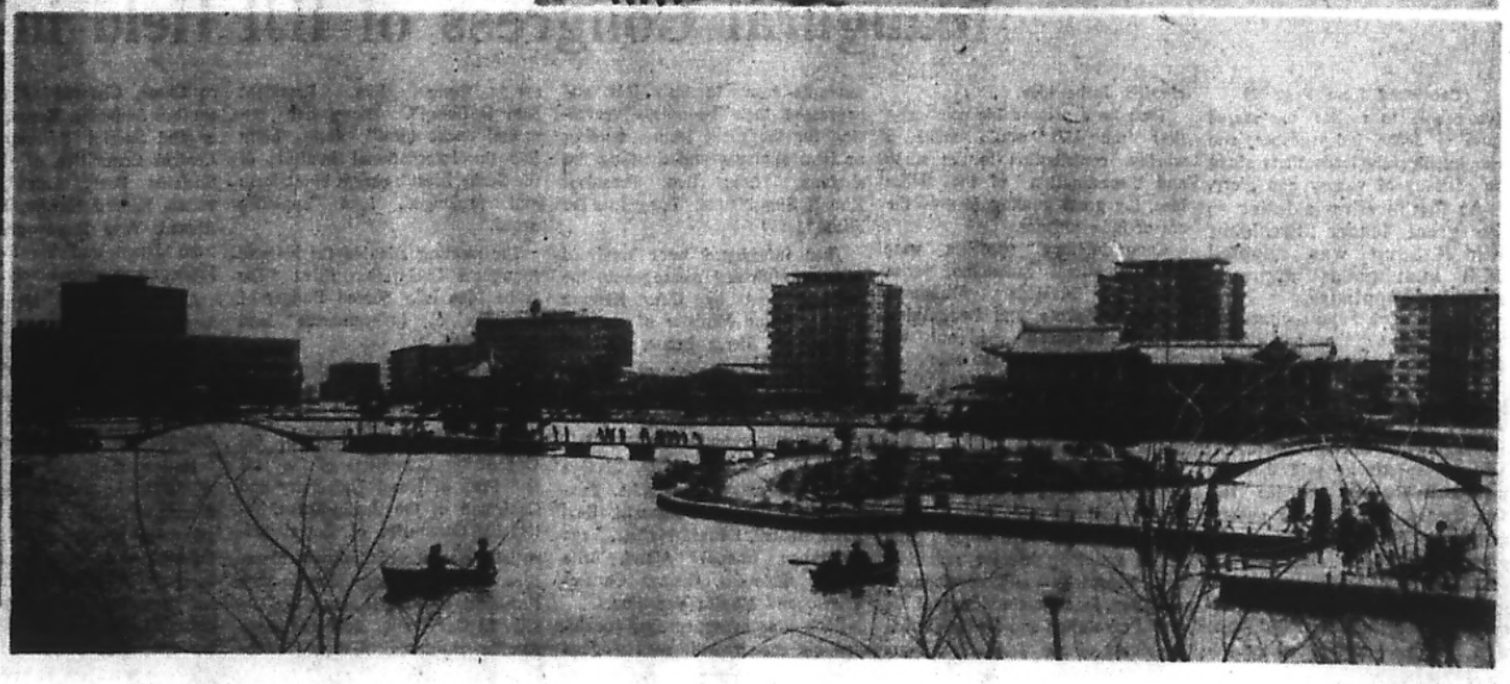
Truth to tell, our people are now as happy as they can be, tasting the real worth of life, as they are guided by the fatherly leader.

This happiness of our people under the guidance of the great leader will reign supreme in the whole land as ever, today or tomorrow.

→ Working people enjoying the greatest national jubilee

These children are highly honoured to be admitted to the Juvenile Corps at Mangyongdae, the cradle of revolution

↓ A view of magnificent city, Anju, rebuilt on the initiative of the respected and beloved leader



Juche Idea Is Sacred Banner of the Era of Independence

The Inaugural Declaration of the International Institute Of the Juche Idea

An International Institute of the Juche Idea (IIJI) has been founded in Tokyo, Japan, to meet the fervent aspiration and unanimous desire of the people who study and follow the Juche idea. This marks an international event of profound significance.

The IIJI is an international scientific research organization. The basic task of the IIJI is to study and popularize the immortal Juche idea.

This Institute will make a deep study of the classical works of respected and beloved President Kim Il Sung and, on the basis of the results of its study, organize diverse forms of academic cooperation. By this means, it will render help to the people learning and following the Juche idea.

The founding of the IIJI is a reflection of the main trend of the progress of our era, and the idea advocated by it will exert a great influence on the advance of history.

We are convinced that the founding of the IIJI and its aim will arouse universal sympathy from the broad public circles and progressive people of the world.

1. Mankind Lives in the Era Of Independence

The strong tide of independence is sweeping in with an irresistible force. In many countries of the world the people are fighting in defence of their national dignity and advancing vigorously along the road of independence. This is the inevitable consequence of the advance of history.

The history of mankind is the history of the people's struggle for independence. Independence is vital to man. The popular masses, the makers of history and the motive force of social progress, have always desired to live as their own masters and, to this end, waged ceaseless struggles. Through their centuries-long arduous struggles for the defence of independence, they have gradually enlarged the scope of their autonomy and advanced the course of history step by step in accordance with it. Each page of long human history is, indeed, adorned with their aspiration after independence and their sacred struggles to realize it.

However, as they were not aware of the correct way to carve out their destinies by their own efforts, the people suffered repeated bitter setbacks and vicissitudes for a long time in their struggle for independence. History ran its course century after century, but the desire of the popular masses to enjoy an independent and creative life did not come true.

They had never had a voice on the arena of history and their destinies were monkeyed with without letup. Despite the fact that they are the most dignified and powerful beings, the popular masses were not allowed to assume their position of master in society, with the result that they could not play their part due to masters.

Through their persistent struggle for independence, however, they at length put an end to the old era in which domination and subjugation were predominant, and ushered in a new era in world history.

Respected and beloved President Kim Il Sung has taught:

"Ours is an age of independence. Today many peoples on the globe call for independence and are fighting against all types of subordination. No nation will tolerate others trampling upon its independence."

Ours is a new age of history, an era of independence. The peoples who were held in contempt in the past with their independence trampled down have cast off the yoke of subordination, emerged as the proud masters who rule the world, and are shaping the course of history independently and creatively. Today no one wants to live under the rule and control of others and tolerate encroachment upon the dignity of one's country and nation. That the peoples of the world call for independence and many nations follow the road of independence has now become a world-wide trend which cannot be checked by any force.

Thanks to the sacred struggles of the peoples against all types of subordination and for a new, independent life, the looks of the world have changed markedly and a radical change has taken place on the arena of history.

Hundreds of millions of people, once oppressed and maltreated, have regained their independence and become the genuine masters of their own destinies. As the masters of society, they have done away all that is obsolete and are applying themselves to the historical cause—the building of an ideal society which mankind has so much longed for.

The sacred banner of independence is fluttering vigorously on the continents of Asia, Africa and Latin America which had long remained colonial continents, and hundreds of millions of people on these three continents have won national liberation and independence and entered the road of independent development.

Many new-emerging countries have appeared on the stage of the world in the flames of national liberation struggles. They are striving to consolidate their political independence and attain economic self-sustenance and national prosperity. As a result of their united efforts, the old international order has been broken up and a new international order based on independence is being established.

Gone forever is the age of subordination and humiliation, the era in which a few great powers controlled at will the destinies of most of countries and nations in the world. On the arena of history the leading role has changed hands and the right to a voice passed to the people. This is a great gain won by their tireless struggles for independence.

Never before have the aspiration and demand for independence been so strong among the world's people and at no time in history have the role and influence of the popular masses been so great, as in our era.

The struggle for independence is being waged everywhere in the world and it has become a driving force powerful enough to advance our age.

"Let's Defend Independence!"—this has become the militant slogan of the people of our age. It is a sacred and glorious duty of all the people of our age to fight for independence.

Mankind has entered the era of independence, the age of Juche, and history is advancing vigorously along the course of independence.

2. The Juche Idea Illumines the Road Of Struggle for Independence

A new era necessitates a new ideology. The Juche idea is a great idea which has emerged to meet the demand of our era, a new era of history in which the masses of the people march ahead along the road of independence.

The Juche idea is not a certain "existing theory," but an original theory created newly in the practical revolutionary struggle; it is an ideo-theoretical sum total of the historic struggle of the popular masses to defend independence.

The essential characteristic of the Juche idea is that it firmly defends the independence of the popular masses and clearly indicates the road of their struggle for independence. Precisely for this reason, the Juche idea represents the great guiding ideology of our era in which all peoples are advancing along the road of independence.

Respected and beloved President Kim Il Sung has taught as follows:

"In a nutshell, the idea of Juche means that the masters of the revolution and the work of construction are the masses of the people and that they are also the motive force of the revolution and the work of construction. In other words, one is responsible for one's own destiny and one has also the capacity for hewing out one's own destiny."

The Juche idea enables the masses of the people to defend their position and fulfil their role as masters in the revolution and construction, and lights up the correctest path along which they carve out their own destiny by themselves, with a consciousness of their being masters.

The Juche idea is based on the philosophical theory that man is master of everything and decides everything. All propositions of the Juche idea stem from this new philosophical theory and are run through with it. Precisely for this reason the Juche idea constitutes so unique, infinitely profound and extensive an idea. The discovery of the philosophical theory of Juche marks a really great event in human history.

Just from this philosophical theory that man is master of everything and decides everything comes the basic demand of the Juche idea that the main consideration be given to man in every respect and everything made to serve him.

Thanks to the philosophical theory that man is master of everything and decides everything, man has become deeply conscious of his dignified position and great role and the philosophical thinking of mankind has been put on a new scientific footing. This new philosophical theory provides the correctest views on nature and society and gives an invincible weapon to cognize and remould the world in a scientific way.

The Juche idea teaches that the masses of the people who are masters of all things and the basic factor in deciding everything ought to take the attitude of a master, the independent and creative stands, in their practical activity of remaking nature and transforming society.

Only by firmly maintaining the independent and creative stands is it possible to overcome flunkeyism and dogmatism, successfully transform nature and society and to become real master of one's own destiny. This is an obvious truth proved by the actual life.

Juche in ideology, independence in politics, self-support in the economy, and self-defence in national defence—these are the guiding principle for applying the Juche idea in all fields. This principle serves as the guiding compass to be maintained in getting rid of all sorts of subjugation and inequality and building an independent, sovereign state which is dignified, rich and powerful.

The Juche idea provides a new guiding theory reflecting the requirement of our time. This guiding theory is evolved with the masses of the working people as the central factor and based on their role. Precisely herein lies the source of the greatness, originality, truthfulness and indestructible vitality of the theory propounded by the Juche idea. It is thanks to the Juche idea that the scientific guiding theory proceeding from the position and role of the working masses, the subject of history and the motive force of social development, has been worked out for the first time.

The Juche theory gives correctest answers to all problems arising in materializing the independence of a country, a nation and the popular masses and clearly indicates the road for them to follow.

The Juche idea is a great idea showing a scientific method of leadership. With the clarification of this new leadership method the Juche idea has become the perfect guiding ideology of our time which involves a guiding idea, guiding theory, and guiding method.

The Juche-oriented method of leadership represents an integrate system of leadership principle, work method and work style, under which the masses of the working people defend the independent and creative stands and perform their responsibility and role as masters in the revolution and construction. The Juche-based leadership method has provided a powerful ideo-theoretical weapon to organize and mobilize hundreds of millions of popular masses to the sacred cause of creating an independent and creative life.

The creation of the Juche idea marks a great event which is of epochal significance in the development of human thought and in the people's struggle for independence.

Thanks to the Juche idea a world outlook giving the greatest importance to people has been established for the first time in the history of human thought and a correct guiding theory and method enabling the popular masses to shape their destiny independently and creatively formulated.

When the masses of the people firmly take the Juche idea as their guiding ideology, theory and method, they will be freed once for all from every form of subordination and the centuries-old desire of mankind for enjoying an independent and creative life translated into a veritable reality. This is the precious summation of the practical experience gained in the historic struggle of the people for independence.

3. The Banner of Juche Is Invincible

The Juche idea spreads widely, throwing its brilliant rays over the whole world. Because of its profound truth the Juche idea is firmly gripping every heart and finding support and echo among hundreds of millions of people.

For what reason is the Juche idea rapidly spreading with so great influence and attraction? It is because this great idea indicates the road along which the popular masses realize their mission and carve out their destiny, the bright road along which they gratify their centuries-old desire and aspiration for enjoying an independent and creative life.

The history of thought of progressive mankind was a history of uninterrupted meditation to explore the way of hewing out the destiny of the people. However, the masses of the people had long failed to have a correct ideological weapon, a perfect scientific theory, which enables them to shape their destiny.

The founding of the Juche idea—this was a brilliant solution of the task set by human history, which human beings had so much wanted to see from generation to generation through centuries.

By teaching the popular masses the great truth that they are masters of their destiny and they have also the capacity of hewing out their destiny, the Juche idea indicates the way of mobilizing their inexhaustible creative powers to eliminate all types of domination and subjugation and of building a new society where all people can enjoy a fruitful, happy life as real masters of nature and society.

No lengthy explanation is necessary as to why world people are so eager to embrace the Juche idea and study and follow it.

The Juche idea is an idea consistent with the basic aim and desire of the peoples of our time who demand independence and want to live as their own masters; it is an idea which has unfolded a vivid picture of future society in which man's independence is finally materialized. That is why progressive mankind hold this great idea dear.

The force of truth is powerful and irresistible. For the undeniable truth it contains, the Juche idea is spreading with an uncontrollable force and becomes the main trend of our time.

It is regarded as an acknowledged truth that without assimilating the Juche idea it is impossible to understand the social progress and the process of changes taking place in the world and that without taking this idea as one's guideline one cannot discharge one's mission as a pioneer of the times. Hence, the ranks of people who believe in the Juche idea and study and follow it are rapidly growing as days go by.

In compliance with the lofty aspiration and desire of the people who want to take the Juche idea as a true textbook of life, every year the works of respected and beloved President Kim Il Sung are being translated and published on a big scale in many countries, or carried in numerous newspapers and magazines of the world.

Today the work of studying and disseminating the Juche idea has entered a new stage. It is carried on over the length and breadth of the world. The international seminars on the Juche idea, from those in Lebanon, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Togo, Peru, Madagascar and Japan to that in Pyongyang, which were held on a grand scale thanks to the ardent wishes and joint efforts of parties, governments and prominent public figures of many countries, are graphic evidence that the Juche idea is not believed in by only a few pioneers but has become the unbreakable will of the world progressive people and the common spiritual wealth in their possession.

The torchlight that was lit in Korea, a Land of Morning Calm, half a century ago is now spreading like a prairie fire in all places where the people aspiring after independence are living. The brilliant torchlight of Juche will burn fiercer, fanned by the people's unanimous aspirations to study and assimilate this great idea.

We now see the great force and validity of the Juche idea not only in theory but in sober reality spread before us. A great idea brings about truly great reality.

We are convinced of this by the striking reality of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which has been turned from colonial semi-feudal society to a strong socialist state, independent, self-sustenant and self-defensive, in a historically very short space of time and that under the conditions where everything was destroyed in the three-year war.

The immortal Juche idea is being embodied in the depth of life of hundreds of millions of people and becoming a powerful driving force for the social progress of our time. It is bringing brilliant victory to the sacred cause of hundreds of millions of people who have broken with their old life of subordination and humiliation and are striving for national independence, prosperity and social progress.

The voices calling for independence are ringing out loudly from Asia, Africa, Latin America and other parts of the world, and a new prospering world advocating independence and self-sustenance is rapidly taking on the shape. There is no longer any person who gives ear to the sophistry that the new independent countries and economically backward countries are not able to stand by themselves without the assistance of big powers. Among the people are fully displayed the spirit of independence and the trait of self-reliance which call for judging everything according to one's faith and solving everything on one's own.

The great world-historic significance and invincible vitality of the Juche idea lie precisely in that it has converted the people's desire and aspirations for independence into firm faith and reality, clearly indicated the path of free development for countries and nations oppressed and trampled underfoot for centuries and awakened the inexhaustible creative zeal of the people to the full.

As days go by the people are manifesting intenser desire to study and follow the Juche idea and live up to it. We believe that an urgent task facing our time in meeting their ardent desire is to study and disseminate the Juche idea.

As a reflection of the people's ardent desire to study and follow the Juche idea, many proposals were made long ago on the formation of an international organization for the study and dissemination of the Juche idea. The International Seminar on the Juche Idea held in Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar, in 1976 recognized the need to create an international organization in accordance with the unanimous proposal of the attendants. The International Seminar on the Juche Idea held in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, in 1977 formed an organizing committee to push the work forward.

Resolutions of the seminars held in Antananarivo and in Pyongyang on setting up an international institute of the Juche idea received unequivocal approval of the broad public circles, and the preparations for its founding were successfully pushed forward with the positive cooperation on the part of the students of the Juche idea and the world progressive personages.

Feeling new spiritual elevation and great pride in our service to the sacred work of studying and disseminating the Juche idea, today we solemnly announce the founding of the IIJI to the world.

The creation of the IIJI will mark a new turning point in the study and dissemination of the immortal Juche idea.

In accordance with its character and mission as an international academic institution, the IIJI will conduct vigorous activities such as the dissemination of the classic works of respected and beloved President Kim Il Sung, the organization of seminars, lectures and paper readings on the Juche idea, the regular publication of its organ "Study of the Juche Idea," theoretical cooperation and the exchange of experience for the study of the Juche idea in various countries of the world, and the opening and management of libraries, reading-rooms and book exhibitions for the dissemination of the Juche idea.

To those who defend the independence of the countries, nations and popular masses, the study and dissemination of the Juche idea is really fruitful and honorable.

Deeply conscious of our lofty duty to the age and the people, we will devote all our wisdom and energy to the sacred work of studying and comprehending the profound truth of the Juche idea more extensively and deeply and disseminating it.

We are convinced that our lofty aim of studying and propagating the Juche idea will enjoy the unanimous support of the progressive people and be successfully accomplished with the unreserved cooperation of the broad public circles and the progressive personages.

Study and dissemination of the Juche idea will be attended by the struggle against the obsolete ideas.

The history of the development of the human thoughts shows that the progressive ideas reflecting the demand of the age have always faced the resistance of the old reactionary ideas going against the trend of the age.

On the globe there still exist the forces which try to turn back the wheel of history that rolls along the path of independence. But no force in the world can check the onward movement of the masses of the people advancing along the path indicated by the Juche idea.

The sacred banner of independence, the lofty idea of Juche, will victoriously cut out its way, overcoming the outmoded and backward ideas.

And mankind will enjoy a truly independent and creative life in a new world where the idea of Juche will come into full bloom and the banner of independence be unfurled.

Availing ourselves of this significant moment of announcing the founding of the IIJI amidst the great expectation and attention of the people who desire to study the Juche idea, we earnestly call on the world progressive people and our close friends who champion independence to make a deeper study of the Juche idea and march vigorously forward towards the bright future of mankind, upholding the banner of Juche.

The Juche idea will live for ever!

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Inaugural Congress of IIJI Held in Tokyo

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sive people to realize the sacred cause of Juche, independence, and who intelligently leads them along the pathway of victory and glory.

At the meeting a letter to the great leader President Kim Il Sung was adopted with unanimous approval amid loud applause.

When Hanawa Fujio declared the meeting open, the participants loudly sang to the accompaniment of music "Song of General Kim Il Sung."

Then Higashidani Toshio made an opening address.

In his speech he said that the inaugural congress of the IIJI was opened reflecting the general desire and demand of the world's progressive people. He expressed, on behalf of all those present, profound gratitude and infinite respect for the great leader President Kim Il Sung who founded the celebrated Juche idea.

Then he expressed his conviction that the IIJI would make a worthy contribution to the study and dissemination of the Juche idea, the great guiding idea of the era of independence.

Congratulatory speeches were made by Mitsui Tametomo, Narita Tomomi, Makieda Motofumi, Ichikawa Makoto, and Iwai Akira.

Kuriki Yasunobu read out the keynote report under the title "Let Us Study the Juche Idea", on behalf of Yasui Kaoru, Chairman of the IIJI Organizing Committee.

When he concluded his report by saying: "Let's express our best wishes that the respected and beloved President will enjoy good health and long life for reunification, prosperity and development of Korea, for ultimate victory of the world revolution and for the eternal happiness of the people!" all attendants rose to their feet and expressed their boundless veneration for the great leader, sending up loud applause and shouting the slogans "Long live President Kim Il Sung!" and "Long live the Juche idea!"

Then introduced were hundreds of congratulatory messages to the meeting sent by C.A. Kamara Taylor, Prime Minister of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Minobe Ryokichi, Governor of Tokyo, and other noted personages of many countries and organizations of our country and Chongryon.

Speeches were made by Li Gye Baek, Benzantry Christopha, Jose Francisco Aguilar Bulgarelli, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Eduard Hafner, Yaya Bagayogo, Chaouki Ajami, Arne Herlov Petersen, Genaro Carnero Checa, and Monica Vassilion.

Each time every speaker concluded his speech with such slogans as: "Long live President Kim Il Sung!", "Long live immortal Juche idea!" and "Long live the International Institute of the Juche Idea!", cheers burst forth and prolonged, loud applause arose.

The meeting adopted the historic Inaugural Declaration titled "The Juche Idea Is a Sacred Banner of the Era of Independence" and IIJI rules.

The meeting also elected chairman and members of the board of directors of the IIJI.

Yasui Kaoru, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the IIJI and Prof. of Hosei University and Chairman of the Japan-Korea Solidarity Committee of Social Scientists, was elected Chairman. Members were: Hwang Jang Yop, President of Kim Il Sung University, Li Gye Baek, Jose Francisco Aguilar Bulgarelli, Genaro Carnero Checa, Chaouki Ajami, Chrysanthos Sauvides, Executive Member and Special Secretary of the Central Committee of the Cyprus Socialist Party, Arne Herlov Petersen, Eduard Hafner, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Yaya Bagayogo, and one from Japan and the Republic of Madagascar respectively.

At the meeting, Hanawa Fujio made a closing speech.

He stressed that the foundation of the IIJI which reflected the demands of the era of independence was a great historic event of international significance.

Noting that though they live in different places and their theatre of activity is not the same, all those present here are bound together by the common aim to study the Juche idea, he emphasized that the Juche idea illumines the road ahead of the people, giving the most correct answers to all problems arising in the era of independence.

When the meeting was declared closed all the attendants rose to their feet and shouted at the top of their voices: "Long live President Kim Il Sung!", "Long live the immortal Juche idea!"

The historic inaugural congress ended with the chorus of the song "Long Live Great Juche Idea".

The participants, swayed by deep emotion, were reluctant to leave the meeting hall, shouting "Kim Il Sung!" "Kim Il Sung!".

When Genaro Carnero Checa proposed with an excited tone to sing the "Song of General Kim Il Sung" the assemblage immediately joined in chorus, giving enthusiastic applause.

Taking great pride in the fact that they are pioneers of the era of independence, the attendants made a firm resolve to be active in studying and disseminating the immortal Juche idea.

Meanwhile, prior to the inaugural congress, a session of the Organizing Committee of the IIJI was held on the 8th in Tokyo.

At the session the report of the Secretariat of the Organizing Committee was submitted, the proceedings of the inaugural congress, the keynote report and other documents were examined and the matter in relation to the election of chairman and members of the board of directors of the IIJI was discussed.

The inauguration of the IIJI is, indeed, a new historic landmark in studying and disseminating the immortal Juche idea on a world-wide scale.

And it will powerfully encourage hundreds of millions of people studying the Juche idea and fighting for independence and self-sustenance.

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